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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Fang Chen  
Serial No.: 10/580,285 Examiner: C.J. Cheu  
Date Filed: May 24, 2006 Art Unit: 1641  
For: METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING ANDROGEN RECEPTOR MODULATORS  
WITH FULL OR MIXED AGONIST ACTIVITY

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**  
**IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 16, 2008 OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the December 16, 2008 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the February 5, 2008 Office Action is due on March 16, 2009. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this Amendment.

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